



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

Issue AZ-CW1207 - For the week ending March 25 - Released March 26, 2007



230 North 1st Avenue · Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706
(602) 280-8850 · (602) 280-8897 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/az

To receive this information via email send a message to listserv@newsbox.usda.gov and include in the BODY of the message: subscribe usda-az-crop-weather John Doe (replace with your name).

Field Crops

Small grain heading is continuing above last year's progress. Alfalfa harvest was active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to good. Cotton planting is 5 percent completed compared with 7 percent a year ago. Range and pasture conditions across the State range from mostly poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, parsley, miscellaneous herbs, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, greens, kale, mache, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, Swiss chard, and various citrus last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	29	41	26
Range and Pasture	10	20	44	24	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	5	0	7	3
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	18	9	9	14
Barley				
• Headed	30	15	12	25

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal in the State for the week ending March 25. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Yuma to 12 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at Phoenix, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 18 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 21 of the 22 reporting

stations. Willcox received the most at 1.52 inches of precipitation and Roll received the least with 0.05 inches. There were 5 stations that received over 1.00 inch of precipitation for the week ending March 25. Four stations are currently above normal for precipitation. Yuma has received no measurable precipitation for the year to date.

Major Contributors: The University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension Service; U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service; U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Rural Economic and Community Development Services; Arizona Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Arizona Field Office
230 N. 1st Ave, Suite 303
Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706

FIRST-CLASS MAIL
POSTAGE & FEES PAID
USDA
PERMIT NO. G-38

Official Business
Penalty For Private Use \$300
www.nass.usda.gov/az
Address Service Requested

Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 19 - March 25, 2007

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	60	3	83	46	0.56	1.52	-1.86	45
Buckeye	65	4	88	52	0.66	1.49	-0.61	71
Canyon De Chelly	53	9	77	36	0.51	1.43	-0.51	74
Coolidge	65	5	89	47	0.59	1.23	-1.28	49
Douglas	58	5	85	37	1.06	2.34	0.75	147
Flagstaff	43	8	67	25	0.41	2.58	-3.67	41
Grand Canyon	44	12	71	18	1.29	2.55	-4.11	38
Kingman	58	7	82	39	0.08	0.47	-2.24	17
Marana	64	5	89	44	0.82	1.29	-1.73	43
Maricopa	67	6	89	50	0.76	1.29	-0.99	57
Paloma	64	2	87	46	0.41	0.60	-1.68	26
Parker	66	2	90	48	0.57	0.61	-1.22	33
Payson	51	6	79	34	1.31	3.35	-2.54	57
Phoenix	71	8	94	54	0.83	1.72	-0.38	82
Prescott	52	9	75	35	1.33	2.37	-2.22	52
Roll	65	2	91	44	0.05	0.06	-0.72	8
Safford	61	7	89	44	0.81	2.76	0.97	154
St. Johns	54	9	81	32	0.31	0.88	-1.11	44
Tucson	65	6	91	47	0.59	1.34	-0.83	62
Willcox	57	6	84	38	1.52	2.75	0.59	127
Winslow	54	8	82	34	0.88	2.00	0.54	137
Yuma	66	1	89	46	0.00	0.00	-0.83	0

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

Director:
Steve Manheimer
Deputy Director:
David DeWalt

Agricultural Statisticians
Dianne Matta Curt Stock
Maria Bautista Jeff Lemmons
Clare Jervis